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Letter dated 16 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) established by the Security Council in its resolution 1509 (2003) and extended by the Council in its resolution 1836 (2008).

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Lieutenant General A.T.M. Zahirul Alam (Bangladesh) as Force Commander of UNMIL. Lieutenant General Alam will replace Lieutenant General Chikadibia Obiakor of Nigeria, whose tour ended on 18 July 2008. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Obiakor for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNMIL.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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